

Topic: Tortoise, Coyotes, and other Animals of the High Desert	OPR: Directorate of Public Works (760) 380-3433
Reference: Endangered Species Act, Section 7(a)(2); AR 200-1; Fort Irwin Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan	
<p>Procedure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leave all wildlife alone.</li><li>• Do not feed the wildlife.</li><li>• Maintain sanitary conditions around your work place, housing area and training areas at all times.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ control trash and garbage</li><li>❖ secure food items in animal-proof containers</li><li>❖ minimize standing water</li></ul></li><li>• For domestic dog and cat issues in the housing area contact the Directorate of Emergency Services at x4444.</li><li>• For wildlife encounters in the cantonment area contact:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ during duty hours:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 380-2681, x-3740, x-6235, x-5044, x-2679, x-6713</li></ul></li><li>❖ after duty hours:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 760-380-4444</li></ul></li></ul></li><li>• For wildlife encounters in the training area contact Range Control 380-3878/3637.</li><li>• It is illegal for a person to injure or harass a desert tortoise. However, if a tortoise is injured or in eminent danger you can move it out of harms way. Assist the tortoise only if you can do so safely using the following guidance:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Ensure that you can stop and park safely</li><li>❖ Approach the tortoise from the front so it can see you and is not startled</li><li>❖ Pick the tortoise up from the sides, keeping it level and close to the ground</li><li>❖ Carry it in the direction it was heading, to a location 150 feet from where it was found</li><li>❖ Set it down in a shady area</li></ul></li><li>• If you do not feel comfortable assisting a desert tortoise call one of the above numbers depending on the time of day.</li><li>• If you do render assistance to a desert tortoise call one of the numbers specified above for contact during duty hours and provide the following information:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ location of tortoise assisted</li><li>❖ time of day tortoise was assisted</li><li>❖ whether or not the tortoise voided its bladder</li></ul></li></ul>	